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The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Applicant's or agent's file reference (if desired) (12 characters maximum) 08270001WO Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION NETWORK OPERATING SYSTEM AND METHOD Box No. II APPLICANT This person is also inventor Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.) Telephone No. HENDERSON, Charles English Facsimile No. 866 Kygers Hill Road Lexington, Virginia 24450 US Teleprinter No. Applicant's registration No. with the Office State (that is, country) of nationality: State (that is, country) of residence: US This person is applicant all designated all designated States except the United States the States indicated in for the purposes of: States the United States of of America only the Supplemental Box FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S) Box No. III Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.) This person is: applicant only applicant and inventor inventor only (If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.) Applicant's registration No. with the Office State (that is, country) of nationality: State (that is, country) of residence: This person is applicant all designated all designated States except the United States the States indicated in for the purposes of: of America only the Supplemental Box Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet. Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of common agent the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: representative Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation Telephone No. The address must include postal code and name of country.) 703-712-5000 CALDERON, Andrew M. / HAWRANEK, Scott J. Facsimile No. McGuireWoods LLP 1750 Tysons Boulevard, Suite 1800 703-712-5050 McLean, Virginia 22102 Teleprinter No. Agent's registration No. with the Office 38,093 / 52,411 Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

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